

28 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: H.R. 15951 - Monday Holiday

1. H.R. 15951 was cleared for the President on 24 June 1968 when it passed the Senate. It was signed 28 June 1968 (P.L. 90-363).

2. The bill adds one legal public holiday (Columbus Day) to the eight holidays now prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 6103. Further, it provides that five of the nine holidays be observed on Monday in lieu of the one Monday holiday (Labor Day) under existing law. The observance of these holidays would be as follows:

New Year's Day, January 1
Washington's Birthday, the third Monday in February
Memorial Day, the last Monday in May
Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, the first Monday in September
Columbus Day, the second Monday in October
Veterans Day, the fourth Monday in October
Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day, December 25

3. H.R. 15951 will become effective 1 January 1971.

4. When this bill becomes effective it is expected that it will somewhat boost the amount of premium pay which must be budgeted and, of course, will involve the loss of man-hours. In connection with these additional costs or loss of man-hours, 5 U.S.C. 6103(b) provides that if a legal public holiday occurs on Saturday the Friday immediately preceding it shall be observed as such for Federal employees; and EO 10358 serves the same purpose for a Sunday holiday.

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